

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently amended) A method for producing a sustained release composition ~~according to claim 1 which comprises,~~ comprising removing a solvent from a mixture of  
a pharmacologically active substance or its salt,  
a polymer chosen from lactic acid homopolymers and salts thereof and lactic acid-glycolic acid polymers and salts thereof, and  
a hydroxynaphthoic acid or its salt.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 16 which comprises mixing the pharmacologically active substance or its salt with a solution of the polymer or its salt and the hydroxynaphthoic acid or its salt in an organic solvent, dispersing the mixture, and then removing the organic solvent.

18. (Original) The method according to claim 16, wherein the pharmacologically active substance or its salt is an aqueous solution containing the pharmacologically active substance or its salt.

19. (Original) The method according to claim 16, wherein the salt of the pharmacologically active substance is a salt with a free base or acid.

20-23. (Cancelled)